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March 19, 2003

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT 7099 3400 0016 8896 2611

G. Duane Crutchfield Ash Grove Cement Company P.O. Box 51 Nephi, Utah 84648

Re:

Second Request - Five Year Review of Reclamation Surety Estimate, Ash Grove Cement Company, Nielson Sandstone Quarry, M/023/012, Juab County, Utah

Dear Mr. Crutchfield:

On September 10, 2002 the Division sent a notice to Ash Grove Cement Company stating that we were performing a standard five-year review of your reclamation surety estimate to verify its accuracy and adequacy. Periodic adjustments to the surety are necessary to allow for the escalation of costs associated with the reclamation of the Nielson Sandstone Quarry. Division policy requires that all reclamation surety cost estimates include a standard five-year escalation provision and be reviewed and updated every five years.

Our September 10, 2003 letter asked for certain updated information to assist us in performing our surety assessment for your mine site. On September 16 Ash Grove replied to this letter stating that you intended to file a revision to the present mine plan and requested an additional 90 to 120 days to complete this plan. The Division agreed to your request and extended the deadline to file the information until January 20, 2003. This information is past due and we have not received any communication from you as to the reason for this delay.

The periodic surety review for the Nielson Sandstone Quarry was due in 2001. In order to accurately update the information concerning the reclamation of this site, updated maps showing current surface disturbances and surface facilities are necessary. A failure to furnish this information in a timely manner may lead to an enforcement action which could result in a temporary suspension of your operation, or other lawful penalties, until such time as the requested information is received.



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Please provide this information within the next 15 days, or no later than April 7, 2003. If you are unable to provide this information, please contact the Division with justification for requesting additional time. Thank you for providing this information to assist us in our surety estimate review. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Doug Jensen at (801) 538-5382.

Sincerely,

L. Wayne Redberg

Permit Supervisor

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cc: Ed Ginouves, BLM, Cedar City FO

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